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Re Mary Ann Lee column on RKO/Ted White Productions Lane/Jones special: Did not see and doubt it will be shown around here except possibly on an independent station. I'd heard about it two different ways: Ted White asked the Wx Post to send someone to be on it, as I doubt they did; and the President of RKO said to someone I know that they were doing a special. Until then I thought there might be two different ones. Understand White old buddy of Lane's so he'd be looking for a straw man at Post to knock down.

Lane is not as wise as he probably believes to grab all these opportunities, regardless of the $$$ they mean. There has been too much talk about what amounts to an accessory before the fact and he has been too slack-jawed in utterly irresponsible charges against too many officials. They are probably collecting everything he says and will at least be able to prove him a liar if they should ever files charges. I have heard it said that this is being considered but I have no knowledge. Reports only.

The C-A convention stroy, "City's Weekend Effort..." refers to Lane having forecast violence. Thabks for marking it. I supposed it didn't make C-A and PS?

What magazine is PPL, arry story, 12/11/78?

Think I copied Clark Reid story headed "Temple Memo Says..." Was sent it from Knoxville and didn't realize that Reid is Scripps-Howard. If it is not enclosed it won't be because wife has not copied and drum in copier went bad. Can's use machine until service man gets here.

While I have no knowledge and can't say whether the memo is for real of not it is a solution to a serious problem Lane has. I forecast it to you long ago. He has no use for Gracie and is saddled with her. Getting her to Jonesville would have been an ideal way to unload her. The Lane I know would have told himself this was his ultimate generosity toward her. His conning begins at home with himself.

How can Lane (reasonably) disown the memo without disowning its author, his newest client? And can you imagine the fees he is running up on those foreign accounts?

If there is a sound tape of the Ted White special I'd like to be able to borrow it or pay for a dub so I can hear it. My only interest in keeping up on Lane, aside from archival, is to be able to respond to press.

ChiTrib working on a long piece by a reporter named Worthington, who was down there. Scheduled to be published this coming week. If he sends me a copy I'll send to you. By then copier will be repaired. Service man 25 miles away. The service charge is heavy enough without paying extra for t e mileage and his time putting it on.

Many thanks, HW 12/16/78